The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thurſday, June 13, 1728.

From the Poſt Boy, June 4.

Venice, May 20.

THE Duke de Richlieu, lately Ambaſſador Extraordinary of the Moſt Chriſtian King at the Court of Vienna, having ſpent almoſt a Fourtnight at this Place, is preparing to ſet out on his Tour, to viſit the principal Towns of Italy. The Captain of an Engliſh Ship, arrived here in 34 Days from Zante, has brought an Affidavit witneſſed by Signior Marco-Antonio Delfino, Proveditor of the Iſland; whereby it appears, that on the Day of that Ship's Departure there had died but 135 Perſons of the contagious Diſtemper; That there were but 40 Sick in the Lazarets, 10 of whom were judged to be out of Danger; and that they had Hopes the City would ſpeedily be free from the Diſtemper. We have Letters from Corfu of the 6th inſtant, which adviſe, that 2 Venetian Men of War lately arrived there from the Archipelago, with 3 Pyrate Ships formerly equipt at Malta, but whoſe Crews being compoſed of none but Greeks, form'd a Plot to take all the Ships that fell in their way, without reſpect to Nations: Accordingly theſe 3 Corſairs have infeſted the Trade to ſuch a Degree for theſe 2 Years paſt, that no Ships durſt ſtir out of the Iſles of the Archipelago without a Convoy; but being taken about a Month ago by the 2 Men of War above mentioned, the Captains were laid in Irons, and being put to the Rack, confeſſed they had taken 10 or 12 French Barques, which they ſunk aſſoon as they had ſtript them of every Thing valuable.

From the St. James's Evening Poſt, June 4.

Marſeilles, May 25. It ſeems the Algerines have again broke the Treaty of Peace with the Emperor, ſince the Captain of a French Ship put in here reports, That on the 21ſt he was on board two Capers of that Regency mounted with 36 Guns; and that they had taken two Venetian Veſſels, and three others carrying the Imperial Flag.

Bern, May 29. Sunday laſt there was ſuch a terrible Storm of Thunder, Lightning and Hail as was never ſeen in the Memory of Man; it laſted from 1 a-clock in the Afternoon till 11 at Night, the Sky ſeem'd all on Fire, the Flaſhes were ſo quick; all the Fruits 3 or 4 Leagues round are entirely ruined, all the Corn is ſpoiled by the Hail, the Trees are ſtripp'd of their Leaves, and the Country looks as bare as in the Midſt of Winter: So that there is no Hopes of any Harveſt.

Paris, June 12. All the Plenipotentiaries are to be at Soiſſons this Night: The Cardinal de Fleury gives them a magnificent Entertainment Tomorrow, and the Congreſs opens Monday Morning.

York, May 29. Laſt Week died Sir Reginald Graham in an advanc'd Age, very much regreted by thoſe who had the Happineſs to know him.

We are credibly informed, that there's a Gang of about 30 Robbers, who have lurked in and about this Country for ſome Time.

Norwich, June 1. Laſt Wedneſday being the Anniverſary of King CHARLES II's Reſtoration, the ſame was obſerved here with the uſual Demonſtrations of Joy. In the Afternoon, the honourable Artillery Company were under Arms, and about 6 at Night came into the Market-place, and marching ſeveral times round it, made a handſome Street Fire; and at the Bonfire which was there prepared, in Company with the Mayor and ſeveral of the Court, they drank his Majeſty's, the Queen's, and the Royal Family's Healths, with loud Acclamations of Joy. After this they went to the Hall, and gave the Court 3 Volleys: But on their Return to the King's Head, they were oppoſed by an inſolent Mob, with Hollowing and opprobrious Language, which they bore for ſome Time; but when the Mob began to throw their Hats in their Faces, and ſhow themſelves intolerably made, they were obliged to beat them off, and, *in terrorem*, ſeized one of 'em and carried him before the Mayor, who immediately committed him to Jail. At

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Night alſo, when the Artillery Company was at the King's-Head, the Multitude was ſo raging as throw ſeveral Stones at the Windows of the Room where they were.

London, June 6. This Day the Regiment of Dragoons commanded by the Rt. Hon. the Earl Stair, begun their March for Lancaſhire, where they are to be quartered, viz. a Squadron at Preſton, a Squadron at Kirby-Lanſdale, and a Squadron at Lancaſter.

From the Evening Poſt, June 6.

Bruſſels, June 10. Laſt Monday Count Zinzendorf, Firſt Plenipotentiary of the Emperor, arrived here unexpected from Paris; the ſame Evening he had an Audience of above 2 Hours with the Archdutcheſs, at the Concluſion of which he diſpatched two Expreſſes to Vienna; and Yeſterday he ſet out with his Son for Soiſſons, as alſo Mr. Patin, who together with Mr. Proby, is appointed by the Oſtend Company to attend the Imperial Plenipotentiaries during the Congreſs, and inform 'em of the Intereſt of the ſaid Company.

London, June 6. Tueſday Morning the Viſcount Glenorchy ſet out for Copenhagen, by way of Holland, to reſume the Character of Envoy Extraordinary to the King of Denmark; and in a few days Edward Finch, Eſq; ſets out for the Court of Sweden with the like Character.

From the London Evening-Poſt. June 6.

Compeigne, June 10. The Duke of Bournonville, the King of Spain's firſt Plenipotentiary Miniſter at the Congreſs at Soiſſons, arrived here on the 9th, and the next Day in the Morning had a private Audience of the King. M. Goſlinga one of the Plenipotentiary Miniſters of the Republick of Holland at the ſame Congreſs, who has been ſome Days here, has had alſo the Honour of paying his Reſpects to his Majeſty.

Verſailles, June 10. The Queen has had ſeveral Fits of a Fever, which is gone off, and her Majeſty is at preſent in perfect Health.

Paris, June 12. The Duke of Bourbon's Marriage with the Princeſs of Heſſe Rhinfels is very ſoon to be ſolemnized at Chalons by the Biſhop of that Place. This Princeſs will begin her Journey aſſoon as the Count de Matignon, who is gone to compliment her on the Part of the King, is arrived at Rotemburg. The Duke's Equipages are to receive her at Strasburg. Some Deputies from the different States of Canada are lately arrived here, to make Remonſtrances to the King, concerning the Non-performance of the Orders that were given to preſerve that Province againſt the Savages called Renards, and to lay ſome other Grievances before his Majeſty.

All the Plenipotentiaries will go this Week to Soiſſons: The Sunday following Cardinal de Fleury will treat them at Dinner, and the next Day the Congreſs will be opened.

The Actions are riſen to above 130 Livres.

Amſterdam, June 12. An Expreſs arrived Yeſterday Morning from the Texel, with Advice of the Arrival of the four Eaſt India Ships, viz. the Prattenburg, the Caſtricum, the Mynden and the Hopvogel, all richly laden.

London, June 6. This Day at Noon South Sea Stock was 106 3 8ths. Annuities 105 1 8th. Bank 136. India 172. York Buildings 15 3 4ths.

From the Flying Poſt, June 6.

London, June 6. We hear that the Marchioneſſes de la Vrilliere and de St. Florentine, who lodged at the French Ambaſſador's Houſe, left to the Domeſticks when they went away, as follows, viz. the former 100 Guineas, to be diſtributed among them; and the latter all her Toilet and Silver Equipage to the Ambaſſadreſs's Gentlewomen, a Gold Snuff Box, and a Sword finely chaſed, to her Valet de Chambre, and Preſents to the other Domeſticks.

With the Forces that arrived lately from Gibraltar, were 150 luſty Fellows, who deſerted firſt from the French Troops to the Spaniſh Camp, and afterwards from that Camp to our Garriſon, when being put on board our Ships in the Harbour, they received Sailors Pay till they were brought to England; ſince which Time they have petitioned the French Ambaſſador to procure them a Pardon, and Liberty to return to France, which his Excellency has promiſed, upon Condition that they will repair to the reſpective Regiments which they formerly belonged to.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London-June 8.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from from Holland.

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THE greatneſs of our Navigation is ſeen by the following Account given to the Parliament, purſuant to their Addreſs, of the Number of Seamen employed in the Merchants Service, who have paid the 6 d. per Month to Greenwich Hoſpital, for 5 Years paſt, viz. In the Year 1723, there was employed 23,513 Seamen, the next Year 23,041, the third Year 25,441, the 4th Year 22,750, and in the Year 1727, 23,073. And the following is an Account of the Number of Seamen who have been on board his Majeſty's Ships and Veſſels in Sea Pay from 1723, to the Year 1727, from whoſe Wages 6 d. per Month is payable to Greenwich Hoſpital, viz in the Year 1723, were employed 8078, the next Year 7037 and in that of 1727, were employed---- Seamen.

The happy Proſpect we have of a general Peace, is the Effect of the great Weight which our Fleets have had, particularly in aſſerting the Rights and Poſſeſſions of the Nation: Mean Time ſome Jealouſies are ſtill raiſed by a Sort of People, touching the Affair of Gibraltar; and they likewiſe make large Inſinuations with reſpect to the Spaniards, after they ſhall have received the Galleons home with their Treaſure from the Weſt Indies. Other Notions are alſo imbibed, too ridiculous for us to mention.

The South Sea Company are hiring Ships to go upon the Coaſt of Africa, to purchaſe Negroes to be carried to Jamaica, in order to ſupply the Spaniards. They expect the Ship Prince Frederick home with her Cargo from the Weſt Indies the Beginning of September; about which Time the Squadron under Admiral Hopſon is expected home, the Orders for his Return having been diſpatched the latter End of May. On the 17th of ſaid Month 8 Spaniſh Men of War ſailed, as we are informed by the Holland Mail, from Cadix for the Weſt Indies, a Part of which are to go to Carthagena to convey home the Galleons, and the reſt are to conduct to la Vera Cruz the two Quickſilver Ships who ſailed the ſame Day.

Letters from Vienna of the 2d Inſt. adviſe, that Count Kinski waits only for his Orders to ſet out on his Embaſſy to the Court of Great Britain.

Above 40,000 Pounds Loſſes, ſuſtained by his Majeſty's Subjects during the late Rupture, have been already laid before the Commiſſioners of Trade in order to be tranſmitted to the Congreſs; and we hear the Whole will amount to a much greater Sum; but 'tis hoped Satisfaction will be had for the ſame.

'Tis wrote from the Hague of the 13th Inſtant, That a Placaert was publiſhed there, forbidding Entrance into the Ports of that State during Six Months, to all Ships coming from Zante, Venice, Cephalonia, St. Mauro, and the Ports of the Morea; and ordering all Ships laden for Holland to enter only the Goree and Texel, where they are to obſerve the Regulation ſtipulate in the ſaid Placaert under the Pain of Death.

The Affair touching the Aſſault of Mr Wilkins the Printer, ſome Time ago at the Crown Tavern, which has been ſo much ſpoken of, and was to have been tried as Yeſterday before the Lord Chief Juſtice Raymond at Guildhall, is we hear accommodated.

New Commiſſions of the Peace are paſſed for the Counties of Bedford and Norfolk. Sir John Thwait is choſen Member of Parliament for Lincoln, in Room of Sir John Monſon, who is made a Peer.

A Form of Prayer and Thanſgiving is publiſhed for the 11th Inſtant, being the Day of his Majeſty's Acceſſion to the Throne, when the Court will appear with the utmoſt Splendor and Magnificence at St. James's.

A Pardon is paſſing for Mr. John Stirling of Kier, a Gentleman concerned in the Scots Rebellion.

Sir Andrew Fontain, is to direct, as 'tis ſaid, the Building of a new Palace at Richmond.

From the Evening Poſt; June 8.

Cadix, May 8. Yeſterday 8 Men of War ſailed for the Weſt Indies, under the Command of the Count de las Torres: Some of them are deſign'd for Carthagena, from whence they will bring home the Galleons; the others will convoy to Vera Crux the 2 Quickſilver Ships which ſailed Yeſterday along with them.

From the London Evening Poſt, June 8.

Liſbon, May 11, Orders are given for ſome Regiments of Horſe and Foot, to the Number of 8000 Men, to march to the Frontiers of Spain, to form a Camp there; his Majeſty having reſolved to ſet out next Month, with the Prince of Brazil [illegible]

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the Princeſs of Aſturias, to exchange the 2 Princeſſes.

From the Country Journal, June 8.

Advices from Paris give us an Account, That all the Plenipotentiaries having gone thence laſt Week for Soiſſons, the Congreſs was to be opened Monday next; ſo that 'tis hoped we ſhall now ſoon ſee what will be the Fate of Europe.

In the mean-time, the military Preparations are in moſt Parts of Europe carried on with the utmoſt Diligence and Application: For they write from Petersburg, That all Perſons who are to ſerve on board the Fleet lately fitted out, have received Orders to go on board in 24 Hours. The laſt Letters from Cadix inform us, That 11 Ships of War were arrived there from the Ports of Biſcay, whither ſome others were expected, to form a Squadron which is to be commanded by the Marquis de Mari. The French likewiſe continue their naval Armaments.

From Miſt's Weekly Journal, June 8.

From Bath, we have a long Account of the Celebration of the Princeſs Amelia's Birthday the 30 paſt; by which we learn, That Mr. Goulding, a Jeweller of the Place, had the Honour of treating the Populace in the Day, and the Earl of Eſſex, the Quality with a Ball at Night, at which Princeſs Amelia was Incog. but none were admitted without Tickets. Captain Goulding appeared before her Highneſs with his Company dreſs'd in Holland Shirts, Grenadier Caps, and lac'd Scarlet Breeches, and with extempore Oratory drank her Health on his Knees, and afterwards gave a Treat to Town and Country of a roaſted Ox and ſtrong Beer, during which it might be ſaid, There were rare Doings at Bath. The Day before was ſo loyally obſerved alſo, on account of the happy Reſtoration, that the City ſeem'd a Wood, and the People walking Oaks.

Edinburgh, June 13. On Friday laſt David Earl of Leven departed this Life at Melvin-Houſe, in the Shire of Fife.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶*¶ A Coach and Six goes for London on Monday next, the 17th Inſtant, belonging to William James Coachmaſter in London. Enquire at John Somervel Gunſmith in Canongate, where you may be agreed with.

¶¶ That upon the firſt Tueſday of July, there is to be expoſed to Sale by voluntary Roup, a Tenement of Land with a Yard belonging thereto, lying at the Head of the Broad Wynd, on the North Side of the Bridge of Leith, within the Regality and Barony of Broughton, paying 100 l. Scots of yearly Rent, in the Houſe of David Dewar on the Shore of Leith, betwixt the Hours of two and four in the Afternoon. The Progreſs of Writs and Conditions of the Roup are to be ſeen in the Hands of James Naſmyth Writer in Edinburgh, at his Chamber oppoſite to the Croſs Well, North Side of the Street, any Time before the Roup.

Stamp Office, London, June 6. 1728.

The COMMISSIONERS for managing His Majeſty's Stamp-Revenues do hereby give Notice, That by a Clauſe in an Act of laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intitled, *An Act for repealing the preſent Duties on Wine-Lees and Lignum-Vitæ, &c.* it is *(inter alia)* Enacted to the Effect following: That for the Relief of all Maſters and Miſtreſſes who have omitted to pay His Majeſty's Duties of *Six Pence in the Pound* for every Sum of Fifty Pounds or under, and of *Twelve Pence in the Pound* for every Sum amounting to more than Fifty Pounds, given, paid, contracted, or agreed for, or any Part thereof, with Clerks, Apprentices or Servants within the reſpective Times limited by ſeveral Acts of Parliament in that Caſe made, or who have omitted to Inſert & Write in Words at length in the Indentures or other Writings containing the Covenants and Agreements relating to ſuch Clerk, Apprentice or Servant, the full Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, received, or in any wiſe directly or indirectly given, payed, agreed, or contracted for, with or in relation to ſuch Clerk, Apprentice or Servant, all ſuch Maſters and Miſtreſſes are Acquitted and Diſcharged of and from all Penalties incurred by reaſon of ſuch Omiſſions, upon Payment of the ſaid Rates and Duties on or before the 24th Day of *June* 1728, and tendering the ſaid Indentures or other Writings to be Stamped at the ſame Time, or at any Time on or before the 29th Day of *September* 1728.

Stamp-Office, Edinburgh, June 13th 1728. By Order of VENTRIS COLUMBINE, *Head Diſtributor and Collector of His Majeſty's Stamp-Duties in North Britain.*

¶ The Sale of the Lands after mentioned is put off to the Twenty-eighth Day of June current, at 3 a clock after Noon, in the Parliament houſe, viz. The Lands of *Craigenhall* and *Over-hill-houſe*, of yearly Rent, L. 767, 13, 04 Scots, 22 Bolls 3 Firlots 3 Pecks Meal, 5 Stone 3 Pound Butter, 3 Stone 8 Pound Lint; holden Feu of the York-Building Company for Payment of 10 Pounds Scots Feu-duty: Alſo the Lands of *Eaſter-Craigs*, and others, of yearly Rent, 16 Bolls Meal, L. 640 of Money, 3 Stone 4 Pound of Butter; holden of the Crown, partly Blanche and partly Taxtward: As likewiſe the Lands of *Redburn*, paying of yearly Rent, L. 120 of Money, and 3 Quarters of Butter, holden of Barbichlie for Payment of L. 2 of Feu-duty, and L. 2 of dry Multure. Which Lands, &c. ly within the Pariſh of Torphichen and Sheriffdom of Linlithgow, within 15 Miles of Edinburgh; and which Rentals are by and attour Hens, Poultry, Coals leading, a convenient little Manſion houſe at Craigenhall, and the Privilege of holding Fairs at the Craigs. Any who has a mind to purchaſe, may enquire at George Livingſton, one of the Depute clerks of Seſſion, or Alexander Mitchel, Writer to the Signet, at his Houſe at the Bank-cloſs Head, Lawn-market.

Note. The Lands holden of the Crown were formerly expoſed at 24 Years Purchaſe, and the Lands holden of Subjects, at 23: But now both will be expoſed at 22 Years Purchaſe.